

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Duane Bernstein served the citizens of South Dakota for over 37 years as a Game, Fish and Parks Extension Trapper; and,

Whereas, Duane Bernstein spent over 15,000 hours flying as a gunner and never once shot the airplane; and,

Whereas, Duane Bernstein, during his career as a Game, Fish and Parks trapper and main aerial gunner, was effective in his efforts as represented by over 25,000 coyotes left rolling in the prairie dust; and,

Whereas, While killing those coyotes, Duane Bernstein claimed to have only shot 25,005 times, yet returned with well over 100,000 empty shells; and,

Whereas, Only one of those "25,005" shots actually destroyed a coyote decoy owned by two private hunters; and,

Whereas, All beavers that took up residence in Capitol Lake regarded Duane Bernstein as such a welcomed diversion from chewing on trees that they would play "avoid the conibear" for weeks at a time with Duane; and,

Whereas, Duane Bernstein picked a retirement date exactly 11 days before the first Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division Conference in 7 years; and,

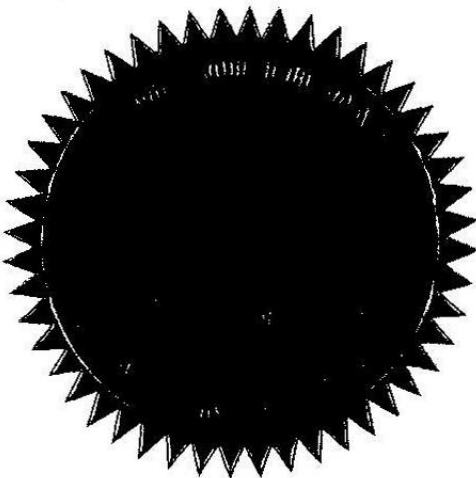
Whereas, Duane Bernstein was named the Game, Fish and Parks Trapper of the Year in 2000 mainly because all the other trappers had already received this award and he was about to retire:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2003, as

DUANE BERNSTEIN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize and congratulate Duane for a long and successful career, and also wish him a long, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State